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(hereafter "LM's Regular Use Exclusion")

16. Absent LM's Regular Use Exclusion, Plaintiff would have been entitled to UIM benefits from LM pursuant to the LM Policy and 75 Pa.C.S. §1731(c).

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34. Plaintiff will fairly and adequately represent and protect the interests of the class.

35. Plaintiff is represented by competent and experienced counsel.

36. Plaintiff has no conflict with class members in the maintenance of this action, and his respective claims are identical to or at least typical of claims of the Class Members.

37. Because most Class Members either do not know that their rights have been violated, and/or could not economically justify the effort and expense required to litigate their individual claims or have little interest in or ability to prosecute an individual action due to the complexity of the issues involved in this litigation, a class action is the most efficient proceeding.

38. A class action is superior to other available means for the fair and efficient adjudication of this controversy since individual joinder of all Class Members is impracticable. This class action represents the most fair and efficient method of adjudicating this controversy.

39. There are no unusual legal or factual issues that would cause management problems not normally and routinely handled in class actions.

40. The questions of law and fact common to the class predominate over any questions affecting only individual members.

41. If each of the Class Members were forced to bring individual suits, such suits would burden judicial resources and would create the risk of multiple inconsistent results for similarly

situated parties. A class action will serve the goals of judicial economy and ensure uniformity of decision.

Count One
Breach of Contract

42. Plaintiff incorporates all preceding paragraphs as if fully set forth herein.
43. Plaintiff's and Class Members' motor vehicle liability policies with LM are contracts.
44. Plaintiffs and Class Members made claims for UIM benefits under their motor vehicle insurance policies with LM.

45. Defendant denied Plaintiff's and the Class Members' claims for UIM benefits based on LM's Regular Use Exclusion, which the Pennsylvania Superior Court has held to be unenforceable.

46. Plaintiffs and Class Members were entitled to have their claims for UIM benefits granted, based on standardized insurance policies with LM.

47. By denying Plaintiff's and Class Members' claims, and refusing to reverse denials of their claims, LM breached its contracts with them, and breached its implied covenant of good faith and fair dealing, resulting in monetary damages.

Count Two
Statutory and Common Law Bad Faith

48. Plaintiff incorporates all preceding paragraphs as if fully set forth herein.
49. LM did not have a reasonable basis to deny Plaintiff's and Class Members' UIM claims based on a regular use exclusion because the Superior Court of Pennsylvania has held that such an exclusion is unenforceable in Pennsylvania.
50. LM knew of and recklessly disregarded its lack of a reasonable basis to deny these valid claims for Plaintiff and Class Members.

51. LM and its counsel knew of the *Rush* decision, and Plaintiff's counsel informed LM that *Rush* is the controlling Pennsylvania law.

52. Despite Plaintiff's efforts to implore LM to provide coverage, LM continued to deny Plaintiff's and Class Member's UIM claims based on LM's regular use exclusion, and failed to reverse its previous denials of UIM claims which it denied based on the unenforceable exclusion.

53. LM's systemic denial of these valid claims were made in bad faith, in an unreasonable effort to contest such valid claims with the intent to generate more profit.

54. A reasonable investigation would have determined that, on the basis of a change in the law, LM must provide coverage for these claims.

55. At all relevant times, LM's actions toward Plaintiff and Class Members constituted bad faith.

Count Three
Breach of Fiduciary Duty

56. Plaintiff incorporates all preceding paragraphs as if fully set forth herein.

A. Compensatory Damages

57. At all relevant times, LM, as their insurer, owed Plaintiff and the Class Members a fiduciary duty to act in good faith and due care and in their best interest.

58. Defendant's denial of Plaintiff's and Class Members' insurance claims based on LM's Regular Use Exclusion, when LM knew that the regular use exclusion was unenforceable in Pennsylvania, constitutes breach of LM's fiduciary duty to Plaintiff and Class Members, who have suffered compensatory damages as a result.

B. Punitive Damages

59. Defendant's calculated decision not to revoke its mass denials of Plaintiff's and Class Members' insurance claims, which it denied before *Rush*, resulted in a breach of LM's fiduciary

duty to Plaintiff and Class Members, maliciously subordinating the interests of its insureds in favor of its own.

60. Defendant's motivation to deny these valid claims is based upon its incentive to increase profits, in known disregard to its fiduciary duty to its insureds.

61. Defendant knew or had reason to know these denials were not made in good faith and created the likelihood of a high risk of harm to its insureds and deliberately acted in conscious disregard of that known risk.

62. Defendant's conduct averred herein constitutes willful and wanton conduct, and/or shows a conscious disregard of the rights of Plaintiff and Class Members, that has a great probability of causing substantial harm, justifying the imposition of punitive damages.

WHEREFORE, Plaintiff requests that this Honorable Court:

- A. Award compensatory damages for the injuries suffered by Plaintiff and Class Members for all Counts;
- B. Award punitive damages for Counts 2 and 3;⁴
- C. Award attorneys' fees, costs, punitive damages, interest from the date the UIM claim was made equal to the prime interest rate plus 3%, and payment of costs and expenses for Count 2; and,
- D. Any other relief that this Honorable Court deems just and proper.

Respectfully submitted,
SHENKAN INJURY LAWYERS, LLC.
/s/ Richard Shenkan
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⁴ See *Trotman v. Mecchella*, 618 A.2d 982, 985 (Pa. Super. Ct. 1992) and *Anderson v. Nationwide Insurance Enterprise, et al.*, 187 F.Supp. 2d 447 (2002) ("Under Pennsylvania law, the question of punitive damages is usually determined by the trier of fact, and the Court is to decide the issue only when no reasonable inference from the facts alleged supports a punitive award.").

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37. Because most Class Members either do not know that their rights have been violated, and/or could not economically justify the effort and expense required to litigate their individual claims or have little interest in or ability to prosecute an individual action due to the complexity of the issues involved in this litigation, a class action is the most efficient proceeding.

38. A class action is superior to other available means for the fair and efficient adjudication of this controversy since individual joinder of all Class Members is impracticable. This class action represents the most fair and efficient method of adjudicating this controversy.

39. There are no unusual legal or factual issues that would cause management problems not normally and routinely handled in class actions.

40. The questions of law and fact common to the class predominate over any questions affecting only individual members.

41. If each of the Class Members were forced to bring individual suits, such suits would burden judicial resources and would create the risk of multiple inconsistent results for similarly

situated parties. A class action will serve the goals of judicial economy and ensure uniformity of decision.

Count One
Breach of Contract

42. Plaintiff incorporates all preceding paragraphs as if fully set forth herein.
43. Plaintiff's and Class Members' motor vehicle liability policies with LM are contracts.
44. Plaintiffs and Class Members made claims for UIM benefits under their motor vehicle insurance policies with LM.
45. Defendant denied Plaintiff's and the Class Members' claims for UIM benefits based on LM's Regular Use Exclusion, which the Pennsylvania Superior Court has held to be unenforceable.
46. Plaintiffs and Class Members were entitled to have their claims for UIM benefits granted, based on standardized insurance policies with LM.
47. By denying Plaintiff's and Class Members' claims, and refusing to reverse denials of their claims, LM breached its contracts with them, and breached its implied covenant of good faith and fair dealing, resulting in monetary damages.

Count Two
Statutory and Common Law Bad Faith

48. Plaintiff incorporates all preceding paragraphs as if fully set forth herein.
49. LM did not have a reasonable basis to deny Plaintiff's and Class Members' UIM claims based on a regular use exclusion because the Superior Court of Pennsylvania has held that such an exclusion is unenforceable in Pennsylvania.
50. LM knew of and recklessly disregarded its lack of a reasonable basis to deny these valid claims for Plaintiff and Class Members.

51. LM and its counsel knew of the *Rush* decision, and Plaintiff's counsel informed LM that *Rush* is the controlling Pennsylvania law.

52. Despite Plaintiff's efforts to implore LM to provide coverage, LM continued to deny Plaintiff's and Class Member's UIM claims based on LM's regular use exclusion, and failed to reverse its previous denials of UIM claims which it denied based on the unenforceable exclusion.

53. LM's systemic denial of these valid claims were made in bad faith, in an unreasonable effort to contest such valid claims with the intent to generate more profit.

54. A reasonable investigation would have determined that, on the basis of a change in the law, LM must provide coverage for these claims.

55. At all relevant times, LM's actions toward Plaintiff and Class Members constituted bad faith.

Count Three
Breach of Fiduciary Duty

56. Plaintiff incorporates all preceding paragraphs as if fully set forth herein.

A. Compensatory Damages

57. At all relevant times, LM, as their insurer, owed Plaintiff and the Class Members a fiduciary duty to act in good faith and due care and in their best interest.

58. Defendant's denial of Plaintiff's and Class Members' insurance claims based on LM's Regular Use Exclusion, when LM knew that the regular use exclusion was unenforceable in Pennsylvania, constitutes breach of LM's fiduciary duty to Plaintiff and Class Members, who have suffered compensatory damages as a result.

B. Punitive Damages

59. Defendant's calculated decision not to revoke its mass denials of Plaintiff's and Class Members' insurance claims, which it denied before *Rush*, resulted in a breach of LM's fiduciary

duty to Plaintiff and Class Members, maliciously subordinating the interests of its insureds in favor of its own.

60. Defendant's motivation to deny these valid claims is based upon its incentive to increase profits, in known disregard to its fiduciary duty to its insureds.

61. Defendant knew or had reason to know these denials were not made in good faith and created the likelihood of a high risk of harm to its insureds and deliberately acted in conscious disregard of that known risk.

62. Defendant's conduct averred herein constitutes willful and wanton conduct, and/or shows a conscious disregard of the rights of Plaintiff and Class Members, that has a great probability of causing substantial harm, justifying the imposition of punitive damages.

WHEREFORE, Plaintiff requests that this Honorable Court:

- A. Award compensatory damages for the injuries suffered by Plaintiff and Class Members for all Counts;
- B. Award punitive damages for Counts 2 and 3;⁴
- C. Award attorneys' fees, costs, punitive damages, interest from the date the UIM claim was made equal to the prime interest rate plus 3%, and payment of costs and expenses for Count 2; and,
- D. Any other relief that this Honorable Court deems just and proper.

Respectfully submitted,
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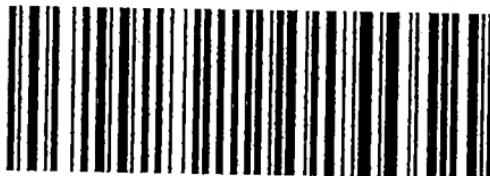
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⁴ See *Trotman v. Mecchella*, 618 A.2d 982, 985 (Pa. Super. Ct. 1992) and *Anderson v. Nationwide Insurance Enterprise, et al.*, 187 F.Supp. 2d 447 (2002) ("Under Pennsylvania law, the question of punitive damages is usually determined by the trier of fact, and the Court is to decide the issue only when no reasonable inference from the facts alleged supports a punitive award.").



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Vs

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Defendant	:	

ENTRY OF APPEARANCE

TO THE PROTHONOTARY:

Please enter the appearance of Brooks R. Foland, Esquire as counsel of record for **LM General Insurance Company** in the above-captioned matter.

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